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Remarks

Applicant submits herewith new Claim 18 for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that no prior art of which Applicant is aware, nor any permissible combination thereof, teaches or renders obvious the invention of Claim 18.

In addition, and further regarding the second point of distinction between Applicant's invention and Wilkinson's discussed in Applicant's June 13, 2002 Amendment, Wilkinson teaches to use materials for the container lid as compared to the container itself (so that the container can be relatively more stiff and the lid relatively more deformable). Although the lid in Applicant's invention can be of a different material from that of Applicant's container, Applicant's invention does not require any such difference in lid/container materials.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments supplementing those filed on June 13, 2002, it is thought that the application is now in condition for allowance, notice whereof is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend the application as described below.

In the Claims:

18. Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; said upper edge constituting in cross section a generally vertical wedge member, said wedge member tapering in cross section from an uppermost point region of said upper edge to a wider region spaced away from said uppermost portion; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a correspondingly-shaped wedge receiving channel at its periphery, said correspondence between said wedge member and said channel forming a liquid-tight seal therebetween when said lid is assembled on said container, with substantially no deformation of said wedge receiving channel required for said assembly of said lid and container.